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For: REFUSE BAG SUPPORTING DEVICE

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Sir:

RESPONSE

The above-identified application has been carefully reconsidered in view of the Office Action mailed November 3, 2004. Early and favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested. Amend the application as follows:

In the Specification:

Page 9, line 14, change "52" to - - 54 - -.

Page 12, line 24, change "52" to - - 54' - -.

Page 15, line 15, change "52'" to - - 54" - -.

Page 18, line 17, change "60" to - - 54 - -.

Page 18, line 18, change "60" to - - 54 - -.

Page 19, line 5, change "60" to - - 54 - -.

Page 19, line 7, change "60" to - - 54 - -.

Page 19, line 9, change "60" to - - 54 - -.

Page 19, line 11, change "60" to - - 54 - -.

Page 19, line 17, change "60" to - - 54 - -.

Page 19, line 18, change "60" to - - 54 - -.

Page 20, line 4, change "60" to - - 54 - -.

Page 20, line 7, change "60" to - - 54 - -.

Page 20, line 9, change "60" to - - 54 - -.

MARKED UP PARAGRAPHS OF SPECIFICATION

Each of the legs 56 and 58 comprises an L-shaped member 60 which is pivotally connected to one of the corner members 54 52. Each leg 56 and 58 further comprises a relatively large diameter tubular member 62 which is secured to the adjacent L-shaped member 60 by a bayonet connector 64. Each leg 56 and 58 further includes a relatively small diameter tubular member 66 which is secured to the relatively large diameter tubular member 62 by a bayonet connector 68.

Each of the legs 56' and 58' comprises an L-shaped member 60' which is pivotally connected to one of the corner members 54' 52'. Each leg 56' and 58' further comprises a relatively large diameter tubular member 62' which is secured to the adjacent L-shaped member 60' by a bayonet connector 64'. Each leg 56' and 58' further includes a relatively small diameter tubular member 66' which is secured to the relatively large diameter tubular member 62' by a bayonet connector 68'.

Each of the legs 56" and 58" comprises an L-shaped member 60" which is pivotally connected to one of the corner members 54" 52". Each leg 56" and 58" further comprises a relatively large diameter tubular member 62" which is secured to the adjacent L-shaped member 60" by a bayonet connector 64". Each leg 56" and 58" further includes a relatively small diameter tubular member 66" which is secured to the relatively large diameter tubular member 62" by a bayonet connector 68".

Referring particularly to Figure 21, a refuse bag securing knob 82 may be formed integrally with or secured to each of the corner members 54 60. A refuse bag retaining ring 84 is secured to each of the corner members 54 60 by a flexible member 86. In the use of the device shown in Figure 21, the polymeric film comprising a refuse bag is positioned over the retaining knobs 82 and is secured in engagement with the retaining knobs 82 by the retaining rings 84 which clasp the polymeric material comprising the refuse bag in engagement with the retaining knobs 82. The refuse bag may be further secured to the frame 52 comprising the refuse bag supporting device 50 by engagement of the ramp 70 with the frame 52.

Referring to Figure 22, a retaining ring 88 may be secured to each of the corner members 54 60 by a connector 90. The polymeric film comprising a refuse bag is positioned over the corner members 54 60 and is secured in engagement therewith by engaging the securing rings 88 with their respective corner members 54 60. The securing rings 88 function to trap the polymeric material comprising the refuse bag in engagement with the corner members 54 60. The refuse bag may be further secured to the frame 52 comprising the refuse bag supporting device 50 by engagement of the ramp 70 with the frame 52.

Referring to Figure 23, a securing knob 92 may be formed integrally with or secured to each of the corner members 54 60. A retaining ring 94 is secured to each of the corner members 54 60 by a flexible member 95. In the use of the device shown in Figure 23, the polymeric material comprising a refuse bag is extended over the retaining knobs 92 and is secured in engagement therewith by the securing rings 94 which trap the polymeric material comprising the refuse bag in engagement with the retaining knobs 92. The refuse bag may be further secured to the frame 52 comprising the refuse bag supporting device 50 by engagement of the ramp 70 with the frame 52.

Referring to Figure 24, a refuse bag retaining plug 96 may be secured to each of the corner members 54 60 by a flexible member 98. A plug receiving aperture 100 may be formed integrally with or secured to each of the corner members 54 60. In the use of the device shown in Figure 24, the polymeric material comprising a refuse bag is extended over the corner members 54 60 and the plug receiving apertures 100. The plugs 96 are then engaged with the apertures 100 with the polymeric material comprising the refuse bag trapped therebetween. The refuse bag may be further secured to the refuse bag supporting device 50 by securing the ramp 70 in engagement with the frame thereof.